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The reply filed on 4/8/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The applicant failed to response to the 35 USC 103 rejections: 1) claims 1-3 are rejected as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Tsukamoto et al. (US '625); 2) claim 4 is rejected as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Tsukamoto et al. (US '625) and Nakakubo et al. (US '891); 3) claims 16-19 are rejected as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Tada et al. (US '521); and 4) claim 20 is rejected as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Tada et al. (US '521) and Nakakubo et al. (US '891) (see last Office Action mailed on 12/13/04, pp. 7-9). Applicant failed to address the reference applied against the claims, and explaining how the claims avoid the references of distinguish from them. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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